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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR98/01639, filed July 24, 1998, which claimed priority of French Application No. 97/09,557 filed July 28, 1997.

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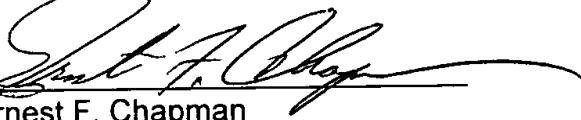
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